REMARKS

Claims 37-113 have been provisionally rejected for double patenting under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 37-113 of co-pending Application No. 10/660,232.

Applicant notes that Claims 37-113 of co-pending Application No. 10/660,232 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed September 10, 2003 (which is the same day that Application No. 10/660,232 was filed). Because Claims 37-113 are not pending in Application No. 10/660,232, the double patenting rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

Claims 37-113 are pending in the present application. Because the Applicants believe that all rejections have been overcome, the Applicants request the issuance of a Notice of Allowability for Claims 37-113. If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 895-3545 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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